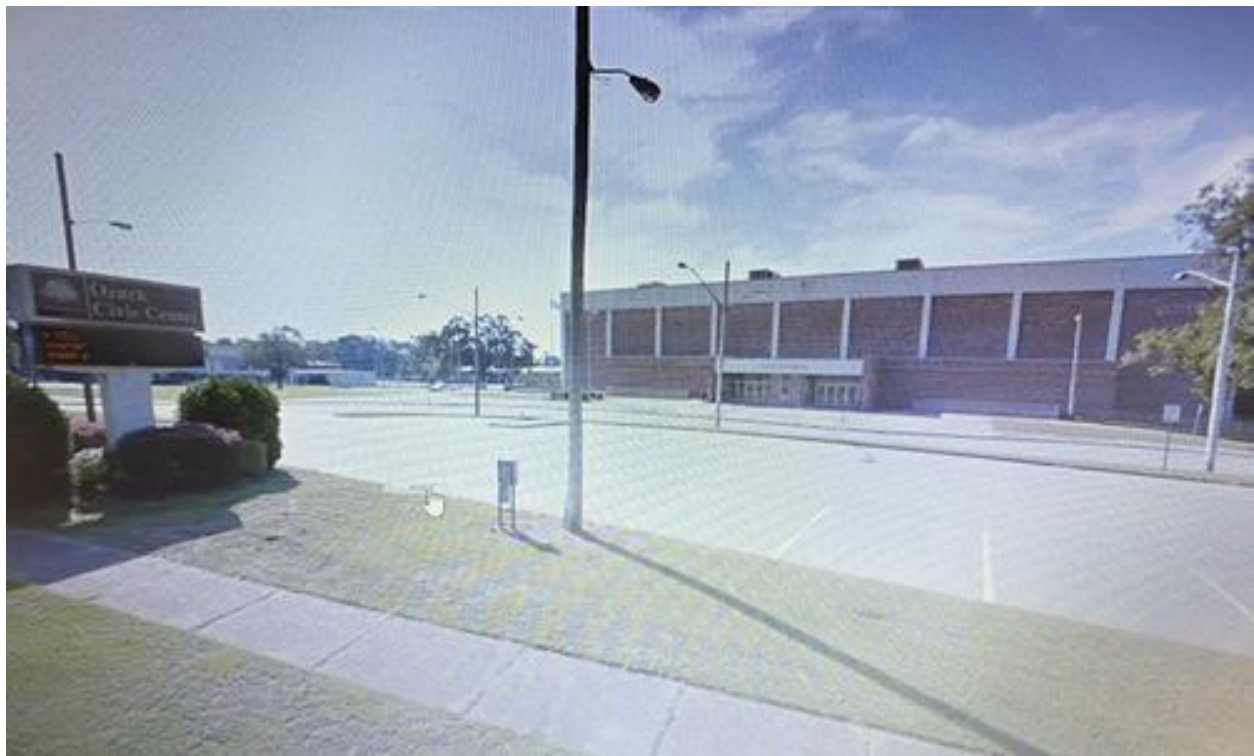


CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The next term of Criminal Jury Trials for Dale County will be on Monday, September 13, 2021. Organization and selection of the jury for cases tried during the week will take place at the Ozark Civic Center on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. If you have received a summons for jury duty during this term, you will need to come to the Ozark Civic Center on September 13, 2021 at **9:00 a.m.** The Ozark Civic Center is located at 320 E College St, Ozark, AL 36360. The Ozark Civic Center has been designated as a temporary Courthouse Annex.

You will enter through the front doors of the Civic Center to check in with representatives of the Circuit Clerk's Office. Everyone will be required to wear a mask. We ask that you bring your own mask, but if you do not have one, you will be issued one when you check in.



You will proceed to sit in the Civic Center in the place designated for potential jurors spaced apart for social distancing. You will be asked to keep your mask on unless asked to remove it by the Court to identify you or better hear you.

Those selected to serve as jurors will be asked to come to the Third Floor of the Dale County Courthouse to Courtroom #1 at a specific time the trial is to begin for which the juror has been selected. The first trial will begin on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Jurors selected for other trials or Grand Jury will be told when and where to report to the Courthouse.

The 33rd Judicial Circuit would like to assure you that your health and safety remain a top priority for us as we resume essential court operations, including jury service.

Please be aware that regular cleaning and safety protocols have been implemented at our courthouses.

Please do not come to the Courthouse if:

- You are currently experiencing flu like symptoms (fever, cough, etc., as described by the CDC)
- You are currently scheduled to test for COVID-19, or you are awaiting test results
- You have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 30 days
- You have been directed to quarantine/self-monitor for COVID-19 by a medical authority or employer
- You are the caregiver for/or have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 30 days.

If any of the above apply, please call or e-mail the designated person/number on your jury summons to discuss rescheduling your service.

Upon arriving at Courtroom #1 on the Third-Floor of the Dale County Courthouse, the Jurors will be seated in the gallery on the left side (closest to the entering doors) of the Courtroom, and any non-jurors shall be seated on the right side. While trials are “open” to the public, it is suggested that mere “observers” be kept to a minimum to lessen traffic and exposure to all who enter the Courthouse. ANYONE in attendance will be required to observe social distancing AND wear a mask for the duration of the trial. Contact between non-jurors and the Jury, in any manner, no matter how innocent, will NOT be tolerated as such could result in a mistrial. Once the Jury enters the Courtroom, observers will not be permitted to merely come and go at will; walking by the jurors will be distracting. Any individual who fails to follow this Order will NOT be permitted to enter or remain in the Courtroom.